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SUBJECT: LPF ARRIVES IN VIENTIANE OCTOBER 17

REF: VIENTIANE 7117 (NOTAL)

1. AIRLIFT OF LPF PERSONNEL AND CARGO TO VIENTIANE
CONTINUED OCTOBER 17, AS TWO SOVIET AN-12 AIRCRAFT AGAIN
MADE TWO FLIGHTS EACH INTO VIENTIANE. PLANES CARRIED 29
UNIFORMED LPF PERSONNEL IN THE MORNING AND UNDETERMINED
NUMBER IN THE AFTERNOON. MOST TROOPS CARRIED AK-47S.
OBSERVERS NOTED AT LEAST SIX B-40 ROCKET LAUNCHERS, TWO
LIGHT SUBMACHINE GUNS, FIFTEEN CASES OF B-40 AMMUNITION,
TWO ONE-QUARTER-TON TRUCKS, AND SUPPLIES OF UNIDENTIFIED
NATURE SUFFICIENT TO FILL ELEVEN TWO-AN-ONE-HALF TON
TRUCKS.

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2. ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL LAO PRESSE, RLG DELEGATION TO

JCIA MET OCTOBER 16 AND DECIDED TO INVITE LPF COUNTERPART TO ATTEND FIRST JOINT MEETING OCTOBER 18 AND TO SUGGEST THAT THEREAFTER SUCH MEETINGS BE SCHEDULED EVERY WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY. LPF HAS REPORTEDLY NOT YET REPLIED TO RLG INVITATION. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, RLG DELEGATION WANTS THREE-DAY ADVANCE NOTICE OF ARRIVALS OF EACH LPF CONTINGENT. ONE DELEGATION MEMBER SAID THAT LPF HAD BEEN ARRIVING WITHOUT ADVANCE NOTICE AND THAT IN THE FUTURE "WE WILL CONTROL THEM" BECAUSE, UNDER PROTOCOL (ARTICLE X-C), MILITARY FORCES OF THE TWO SIDES ARE TO HAVE EQUAL QUANTITY OF ARMS AND RLG MUST, THEREFORE, KNOW WHAT THE LPF IS BRINGING INTO VIENTIANE.

3. THE PRC'S IL-14S HAVE APPARENTLY STILL NOT REAPPEARED IN LUANG PRABANG WITH ANY LPF PERSONNEL, BUT ONE IL-14 ARRIVED OCT 17, WITH SOME CARGO. PATHET LAO RADIO DID ANNOUNCE, OCTOBER 16, THAT, IN RESPONSE TO LPF CENTRAL COMMITTEE REQUEST, PRC HAD AGREED TO SEND FOUR IL-14S TO TRANSPORT "ARMY MEN, POLICEMEN, CADRES, AND OTHER LPF PERSONNEL TO LUANG PRABANG." BROADCAST CONFIRMED THAT FLIGHT ON OCTOBER 15 WAS A TEST FLIGHT.

4. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF RLG DELEGATION TO JCIA KHAMKING SOUVANLASY TOLD EMBOFF TODAY THAT LPF IS FRANKLY REFUSING TO COOPERATE IN ANY WAY WITH RLG DELEGATION'S REQUEST FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF PROCEDURES TO MONITOR INFLUX OF LPF PERSONNEL. HE SAID LPF TAKES POSITION THAT UNTIL ALL FACILITIES ALLOCATED TO THEM IN VIENTIANE ARE RENOVATED TO LPF SATISFACTION AND LPF COMPLEMENT CAN BEGIN FUNCTIONING UNDER STATUS OF DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY ACCORDED BY PROTOCOL, LPF WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE ITS OWN ARRANGEMENTS. KHAMKING SAID HE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF DELEGATION ARE LOSING PATIENCE. HE SAID HE WOULD RAISE ISSUE AT TODAY'S CABINET MEETING AND ASK SOUVANNA TO REFRAIN FROM APPROVING LPF REQUESTS UNTIL CONTROL PROCEDURES ARE INITIATED.

5. COMMENT: DESPITE KHAMKING'S DETERMINED WORDS, WE DOUBT WHETHER RLG WILL BE ABLE TO ORGANIZE ITSELF TO IMPLEMENT CONTROL PROCEDURES BEFORE END OF THIS WEEK, EVEN IF SOUVANNA AGREES TO KHAMKING'S REQUEST.

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